



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

May Newsletter 2015

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

I cannot tell you how thrilled I am that we are entering into the Inspiration Phase of our capital campaign, Maika'i Hana Hou! This seems a bit of a misnomer because the entire process (including each phase and every step along the way!) has been inspiring to me, but let me tell you a bit about what has led us to the Inspiration Phase.

First of all, the Preparation Phase began in December when the congregation voted to have a capital campaign. I invited Dan Giovanni to be the chairperson and he said YES on the spot. As we planned potential dates, projects, and a communication plan, we began thinking about people who might serve on the campaign Leadership Team. By early February, everyone we asked said YES and began recruiting for their teams. Apparently, saying YES had caught on because all of the teams were recruited very quickly, and the details of Maika'i Hana Hou were in place by early March. We then moved into the Information Phase on Easter Sunday by handing out campaign information packets to everyone and sharing with the congregation what our capital campaign is all about.

We have now begun the Inspiration Phase, which is our time to say YES to a deeper understanding of God's leading us in new directions as individuals and as a congregation. On Sunday mornings during these four weeks, we will be reading Scripture texts and contemplating what God has done in the past

and what God is calling us to be and do in the future. In our campaign brochure, we included some stewardship Scriptures for you to consider as you pray and decide what gift you might give to Maika'i Hana Hou. And finally, as we have been encouraging all along, we invite you to pray the campaign prayer and your own prayers during these four weeks so that we all might be focused on God's presence, God's love, the blessings we receive in life, and especially those blessings we have by being part of this wonderful congregation! As we focus on these deeper things, I am confident that God will guide each of us in our decisions regarding our gifts to the campaign on May 17th.

Every now and then, someone asks me how much they ought to give to their capital campaign. My answer is: whatever decision you arrive at through prayer and whatever inspires you! I will consider Maika'i Hana Hou to be a great success if we all do that. I know that we need to raise a lot of money in order to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves as a congregation, but in my mind the actual dollar amount is secondary to what happens to a congregation when they pray and make decisions based upon prayer. So, I continue to invite you to pray and be inspired by whatever happens next!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Akana



RUMMAGE SALE 2015

Thanks to JoAnne Machin and all the volunteers who, again, made our Annual Rummage Sale such a success. Countless hours of sorting, organizing, displaying and folding!!! Thanks also for the donations to our delectable *bake sale*. Proceeds went into the “youth account”.



BAPTISMS / NEW MEMBERS

We celebrate the baptisms of Dreden, Trestiny and Luke. We welcome new members: Luke Rita, Sharon McCoubrey, Judyth Foley, Missy Foley and Nanette Brierley. Such a joyous day for Koloa Union



DEACONS ON DUTY

MAY

JoRae Baptiste
Debbie Gunning

JUNE

Sheryl Ramos
Kei Osuga

ALOHA HOUR

May 03—Machin Kunimura Brierley
May 10—Giovanni Osuga
May 17—Odo Honjo Foley
May 24—Asahi Rebb Ito
May 31—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
June 07—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
June 14—Ramos Moe Baptiste
June 21—Machin Kunimura Brierley

LAYREADERS

May 03—Kerry Mori
May 10—Debbie Gunning
May 17—Doug Duvauchelle
May 24—Phyllis Kunimura
May 31—Larry Chaffin
June 07—Kei Osuga
June 14—Rosemary Smythe
June 21—Edie Moe

Our Prayers: Prayers of healing for Jo Duvauchelle, Francisca Padua, Al Pugsley, Debbie Gunning, Howard, Julia, Tamiko Asahi, Paul Johnson, Dollie Brierley, Conner Adams, Luke Rita and Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the families of Chris Baird, Melvin Dickens, Rita North, Masako Yukimura, Leon Gonzales, Doug MacGregor; prayers of peace and comfort for Miyeko Yamane, John Lustman and Al Moe; the Koloa Union Church ohana and all who are lifted in prayer.



A NOTE FROM OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER LEADER

Dear Members and Friends of Koloa Union Church,

One of our most precious moments in the weekly Sunday service is our "Prayers for the People". At that moment and throughout the week we keep those people in our hearts with their concerns and joys.

Prayer works. It makes a difference. Keep your prayer life alive and active; and include prayers for yourself, your family, your friends, and for the people of the church, prayers for Koloa Union Church and for our capital campaign, Maika'i Hana Hou. As you pray, I invite you to hold the church in your heart, because this is such an important time for us all!

Karen Johnson
Prayer Leader, Maika'i Hana Hou

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

Sunday, May 17th
11:30 a.m. at the Parsonage
3281 WAIKOMO ROAD

In appreciation for prayers and support of
Maika'i Hana Hou,
Kahu Alan Akana and the Capital Campaign Leadership Team
Invites you to a very special event
Immediately following church service.

Delicious Catered Lunch

Live Hawaiian Entertainment

AWESOME door prizes!!!

For everyone who makes a financial commitment to
Maika'i Hana Hou
(You won't want to miss out on the BIG one!)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS..
FOR YOUR SUPPORT...
AND FOR YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
TO MAIKA'I HANA HOU!!!



We are blessed with their musical gifts:
Rosemary, Sam, Doug, Becky.



Our smiling greeters!!



In our Easter bonnets....

Diana Butler Bass

Author to Visit Kaua'i in May

Celebrated author Diana Butler Bass is the author of eight books. Most of her writing focuses on Christianity in America and what seems to be working (and not working) in mainline churches, such as the United Church of Christ.

Friday, May 8, 7-9 p.m. Dr. Bass will be speaking at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lihue (4364 Hardy St.) as the guest speaker of the Malcolm Miner Memorial Lecture. The theme is "Where Is God." She will be speaking about the book she is currently writing, which will be available in October. Kahu Akana will be attending this FREE event and encourages interested persons to carpool, leaving the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

Saturday, May 9, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Dr. Bass will be having a conversation with church leaders about how we might respond in word and action to a spiritual awakening that is happening in the world. The theme is "Where Is God Igniting a Flame in Our Community?" Please sign up with Kahu Akana for this event, as there is a cost. Koloa Union Church will pay your fee, but you must RSVP and space is limited. Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Sunday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. Dr. Bass will be our guest preacher during our Sunday morning worship service. (Dr. Bass is a friend of Kahu's from college!)

This Summer! Kahu Akana has chosen Dr. Bass' most recent book, Christianity after Religion, as the book for the summer book group during July and August, which will meet on Wednesday nights at the parsonage. Please sign up with Kahu if you are interested.



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 7th

10:30 a.m. at the Parsonage
3281 WAIKOMO ROAD

We Have Much To Celebrate on this Special Day!

Join Us at the parsonage at 10:30 a.m. for Our
Worship Service, which will Include:

The Celebration of Kahu Alan Akana's 25th Anniversary of
Ordination into Christian Ministry.

The Recognition of our Sunday School Teachers.

The Honoring of our High School Graduates

A Successful Capital Campaign!!!

A Barbecue Lunch Will Follow!

AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Aunty Niele, our reporter for this column. Niele is the Hawaiian word for "nosy." If you have any news to share in this column, please contact Aunty Ni'ele at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made a variety of yummy soups for our 6 weeks of "Lenten Soup Suppers." Everyone also enjoyed the discussions following soup dinners, focusing on our new mission statement. We survived a hectic Easter season. Had a busy Palm Sunday. We had approx 30 children dyeing 35+

Garden Island with his unique orchids. **Caleb Ito** was mentioned in the *Happy Camper!* There was a front page article about **Haley Gokan (Syd and Caleb's** cousin) who, after a couple tries, built a "wheelchair" for her dog!!! Very creative young lady. Happiness is lunch



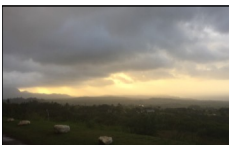
Can you find the Easter eggs?



Photo-bombed by Kahu!!!



dozen eggs on Good Friday! Thanks, Tiffany, for organizing all of that!!! Koloa Union was well-represented at the 6 am sunrise service at Kukuilono Park. Thanks, **Kahu & Nanette** for participating in the



service. *Mahalo*, **Uncle Diki** for Easter breakfast and the ladies who brought yummy breakfast casseroles. We had our Aloha Hour and Easter egg hunt at the parsonage on Easter Sunday. It was quite a feat shifting everything over, but all got done and turnout was fantastic!!! **Al Sugano's** picture was in the



with **Dan & Joy King** at *Dukes!!!* Thanks, **Dollie & JoAnne**, for helping in the office as I took a couple weeks to visit our daughters in San Francisco and Texas. Our 3 (!!!!) grandsons are growing too quickly. **Kahu** was part of the impressive *Kauai Art Walk*. **Tamiko** celebrated her birthday on that day, too!





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SUNDAY EVENTS

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
Worship Service**

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